

movies@Mary's

Sat 27 January

at

St Mary's Church

5.30pm-8.00pm

'Forty-fy' yourself for 2024.

Raid the dressing up box

Enjoy 40s music and old fashioned pop-corn
to watch the period film

Carrie's War

set in World War II Wales

Free tickets bookable on Eventbrite

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/moviesmarys-carries-war-tickets-775658865547>

Donations to St Mary's and The Harbour Project

News from Bristol diocese

Bishop Viv's Christmas message can be found here:

<https://www.bristol.anglican.org/christmas-greetings-from-the-bishop-of-bristol.php>

The new Bishop of Swindon (see photo on front page)

On Thursday 30 November, the next Bishop of Swindon, the Rt Revd Neil Warwick was consecrated as Bishop at Canterbury Cathedral during a service led by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Bishop Neil has most recently served as Archdeacon of Bristol, responsible for three populous deaneries across the vibrant and diverse city of Bristol and working closely on the discernment, shaping and implementation of the Diocese of Bristol's mission plan - *Transforming Church. Together*.

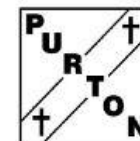
He has also been part of the Archbishops' Anti-Racism Taskforce that produced the suite of changes titled '*From Lament to Action*', that are designed to bring about a change of culture in the life of the Church of England.



St Mary's
Church Purton

Purton
Churches
Together

"In partnership with
other Christians in Purton"



Purton
Methodist Church

7th January 2024

Welcome to our two Churches.

For more information about the service please see the welcome page inside the order of service. If you would like a visit from a Church member, or would value prayer or an opportunity to find out more about the Christian faith please contact

- The Vicar, Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith on 01793 770077
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Church Events

Sunday 7th January	8.00am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Dr John Railton
	10.30am	United Covenant Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Rev Shirlyn Toppin
	1.00pm	Baptism of Emilia and Florence Marquez at St Mary's Church with Rev Judith Wells
Mon 8 th	10.00am	Zoom Prayer Group with bible reading & prayer. Zoom ID:907644918 Passcode:918865
	2.30pm	Communion at the Ashgrove
Tues 9 th	7.30pm	Zoom Advent Course led by Richard Harris: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83879543705
Wed 10 th	5.00pm	Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Advent Course led by Paul Demsey
Thurs 11 th		
Fri 12 th	7.30pm	Bellringing practice
Sat 13 th		
Sunday 14th January	10.30am	Communion at St Mary's Church with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith
	10.30am	Service at Purton Methodist Church led by Jenny Corkett
	6.30pm	Dig Deeper into Philippians with Rev Ian Tweedie-Smith

Prayer: In January we pray for Pavenhill, Upper & Lower Pavenhill, Paven Close, Bunce Court, Gleed Close, Cob Hill, Saxon Mill & Cowleaze. Methodist Circuit prayers this week are for Cricklade United Church. We give thanks to God for the lives of those who have recently died, and we pray for the families of Phillip Bryant.

Eco-Prayer Calendar for January

Pray for people, communities and wildlife affected by the loss of ice and snow due to climate warming.

Collect: Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Bible reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.' ³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ 'In Bethlehem in Judea,' they replied, 'for this is what the prophet has written: ⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel."'

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, 'Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.'

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

Readers: 14th January Liz Martin 21st Howard Smith

Intercessions: 14th January Sandra Horsnall 21st David Nettleton

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